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In re application of:

FLETCHER, Thomas D.

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For: LOOK-AHEAD CARRY ADDER
CIRCUIT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 6 and 12 and add new claims 26-42 to read as follows:

a1
2. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein other carry generation blocks in the adder circuit are of a size that is a whole number multiple of three stages.

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6. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the look-ahead carry adder circuit has carry generate gates and carry propagate gates that are buffered from the critical path to minimize the load on gates in the critical path.

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INVENTION TITLE LOOK-AHEAD CARRY ADDER CIRCUIT		APPLICANT FLETCHER, Thomas D.				
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	minus	3	3	84.00	252.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					280.00	
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